

What is claimed is:

1. An object supplying device for supplying an object to one of a plurality of principals, comprising:

a principal information storing section to store information about each of said plurality of principals;

an object information storing section to store information about each of a plurality of said objects; and

an application section to retrieve said object corresponding to said one principal by combining a plurality of pieces of information stored in said principal information storing section with a plurality of pieces of information stored in said object information storing section and by referring to said combined information and to supply said retrieved object to said one principal.

2. The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein said object supplying device is a distributed processing device in a distributed processing system including a network and said distributed processing device being connected to said network.

3. The object supplying device according to Claim 2, wherein said distributed processing system includes said distributed processing device operating as a server and a plurality of client units being connectable to said server through said network and wherein said principal is any one of said client units, a user using said client unit and an object contained in said client unit.

4. The object supplying device according to Claim 3, wherein said

distributed processing system is a portable communication system provided with a portable communication terminal and wherein said client unit constituting said principal is said portable communication terminal.

5. The object supplying device according to Claim 1, further comprising a receiving section to receive, from said principal, information about authentication needed to authenticate one principal and an authenticating section to authenticate said one principal based on said authentication information received by said receiving section and by referring to said information stored in said principal information storing section and wherein said application section, when said one principal is authenticated by said authenticating section to be an authorized principal, performs retrieval and supply of said object.

6. The object supplying device according to Claim 1, said application section, when being requested by said one principal to supply an object, performs retrieval and supply of said object.

7. The object supplying device according to Claim 1, further comprising a principal information managerial section, when information stored in said principal information managerial section is changed, notifies said change to any service requesting for notification of said change, out of two or more services and wherein said application section has a plurality of services defining a plurality of objects.

8. The object supplying device according to claim 7, further comprising an object information managerial section to change said object information in

accordance with notification of said change from said principal information managerial section.

9. The object supplying device according to Claim 1, wherein combination of said information stored in said principal information storing section with said information stored in said object information storing section is defined by a predetermined matching rule.